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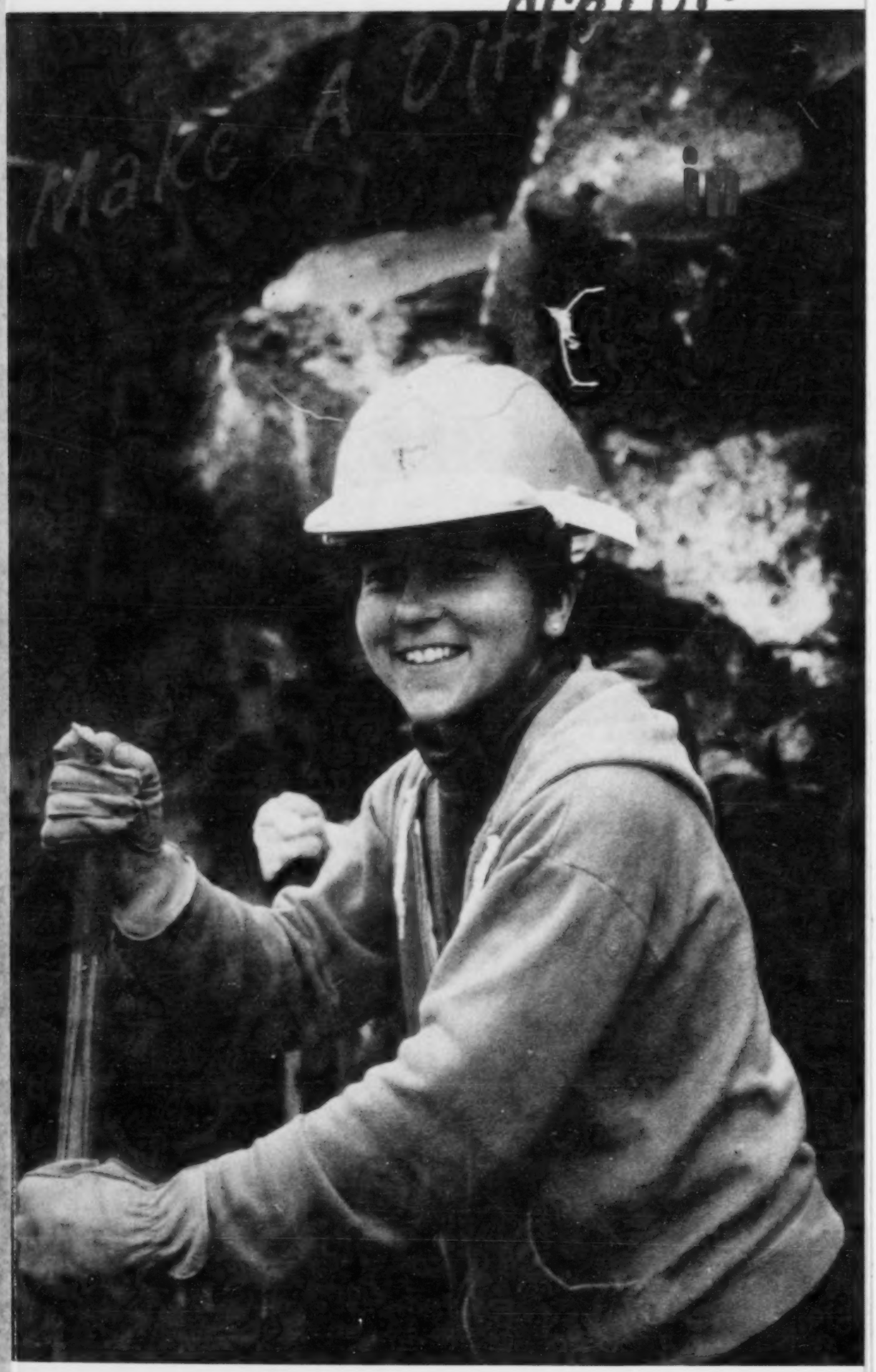

America's Public Lands

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Make A Difference

- Do you enjoy working outdoors in natural settings?

- Would you like to do something different on weekends or vacations?

- Would you like to help conserve your heritage of natural and historic resources for future generations?

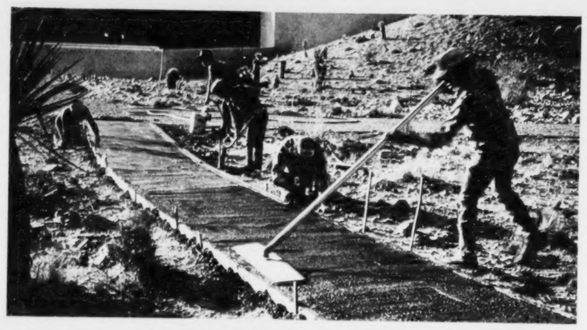
- Would you like to meet new people and get to know different regions of the country?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, join the 15,000 Americans who are making a difference in the future of their country's public lands by volunteering with the Bureau of Land Management.

The Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management, an agency within the Department of the Interior, is responsible for managing 272 million acres of public lands and resources for multiple use — a combination of ways that best serves the needs of the American people.

The public lands administered by BLM range from saguaro-cactus desert to Douglas-fir forest, and from rolling range land to Arctic tundra. Overall, they comprise about one-eighth of our nation's land area and are located primarily in the West.



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What Do BLM Volunteers Do?

Opportunities are as varied as volunteers themselves. Examples of volunteer opportunities with BLM are listed below.

Fish and Wildlife: Install habitat improvements such as rainwater "guzzler" catchments for deer, desert big-horn sheep, quail, and other species. Improve streams to increase salmon and trout production. Assist in monitoring, protecting, and restoring important wildlife habitats, plant communities, and ecosystems.

Recreation: Serve as a river ranger and assist canoeists and rafters on Wild and Scenic Rivers. Serve as a campground host. Lead hikes and tours, and provide information to public lands visitors.

Plan, build, and maintain recreational trails and other outdoor recreation facilities. Assist with cave exploration and mapping.

Range Management and Forestry:
Plant trees and shrubs in fire-damaged or eroded areas. Assist on range improvements, timber sales, and scientific research projects. Thin tree seedlings and sapling stands. Conduct fire pre- vention projects.

Energy and Minerals: Update mineral survey maps and computer data base systems. Take part in geological surveys and fossil excavations. Assist geologists, petroleum engineers and leasing specialists.

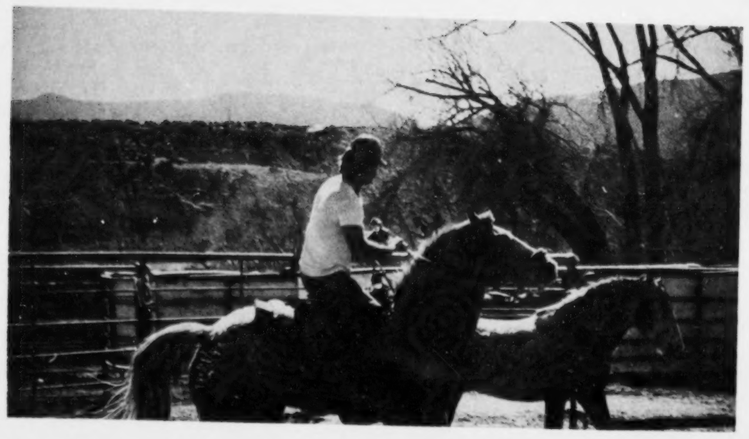
Archaeology and History: Locate, map, and record the designs of ancient petroglyphs. Assist in discovering, restoring and protecting historic areas and prehistoric sites and artifacts and explain them to visitors. Conduct research on the history and pre-history of the American West.

Watersheds: Assist BLM professonals in soil and water conservation projects. Plant vegetation and erect fencing to protect riparian (stream or lake edge) zones and reduce erosionand pollution.

Administrative Support: Operate automated word-processing programs, computers and other office equipment. Drive vehicles. Answer public inquiries over the phone and in person. Supervise other volunteers.

Public Information: Write, edit or take photographs for publications. Answer questions and conduct orientation sessions for visitors. Produce graphic-arts work and video tapes. Assist the public in using BLM's 200 years of land records for historical and genealogical research.

Wilderness: Assist with monitoring of wilderness study areas and preparing management plans for designated wilderness areas. Teach low-impact camping techniques.



Wild Horses and Burros: Assist with citizen adoption of these animals and with their feeding pending adoption. Answer public inquiries. Show trained horses or burros at county fairs and horse shows.

Engineering and Surveying: Assist in constructing and maintaining facilities, signs, roads, and trailheads. Aid engineers in drafting plans. Work as a member of a cadastral survey crew.

Data Management: Assist in operating BLM's Land Information System, a new computerized geographic-based system for storing and processing information about an area's natural and historic resources.

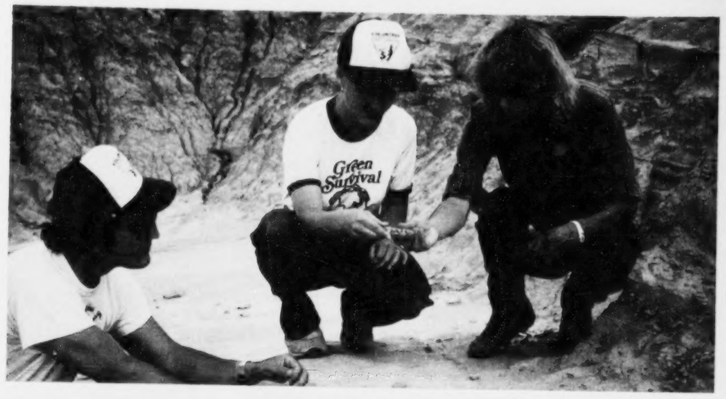
Planning: Assist in computerizing information for BLM's resource management plans, identifying areas of critical environmental concern, and developing information to aid public participation.

Volunteer Schedules and Benefits

Volunteers can work individually or as part of a group. Some volunteers work on one-time or short-term projects, while others serve under longer term agreements. Most BLM volunteers serve part-time, such as on weekends or during a certain season.

BLM volunteers have the same benefits as Federal government employees for compensation for work-related injuries and tort claims protection. Although volunteers contribute their services without pay, they may deduct out-of-pocket expenses on income tax returns within the limits set by tax laws. Deductions can include car mileage, meals and lodging expenses incurred as a result of volunteer work.

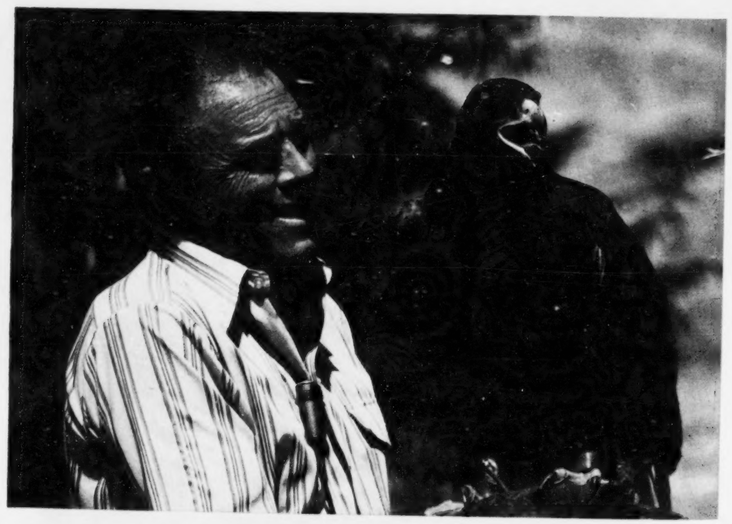
Volunteers are selected without regard to gender, race, age, or handicap. Those under 18, however, usually serve as a member of a group, and must have written consent of a parent or guardian.



Group Partnership Opportunities

If you're a member of an organized group — such as a community service club, an outdoor organization, or a youth or school group —BLM representatives will work with your group to identify or design a cooperative volunteer "partnership" project that your group's members can work on together.

Many volunteer groups serve as partners with BLM, for example, by looking after and protecting a stretch of a favorite stream, a treasured wildlife habitat area or a prehistoric site, or by "adopting" a particular trail or campsite and maintaining it.



BLM representatives will also work with groups on projects that include educating volunteers in subjects such as natural resources, history, archaeology, or environmental management, as well as teaching work skills.

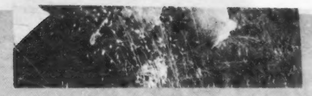
To learn more about it . . .

To become involved, contact one of BLM's approximately 200 offices. A local BLM volunteer program coordinator can help you match your particular work preferences, skills, and time with that of a publicl lands projects.

As a volunteer you can make a difference for America's public lands.

You can also make a difference in your own life.

Check it out — you just may find some of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have!



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- BLM State Office
- BLM Wild and Scenic Rivers
- BLM Administered Lands
- BLM Wilderness Areas
- National Historic and Scenic Trails
- Special Recreation Management Area

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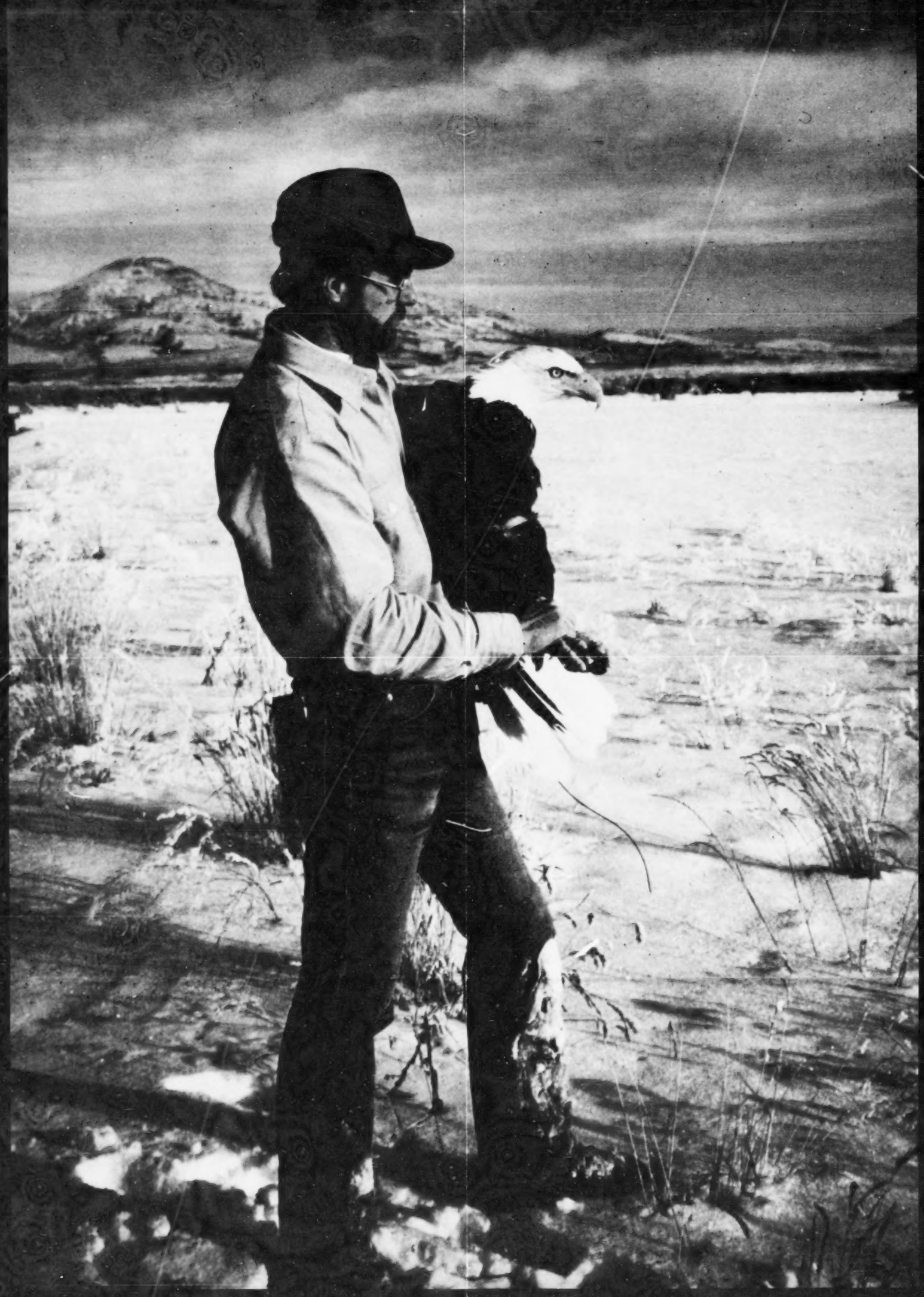

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Locations of BLM Offices

Additional information and a volunteer application may be requested from any BLM office. Addresses and phone numbers for BLM's State Offices, together with communities in which BLM district, resource area, and other offices are located, are listed below.

Alaska State Office: 222 W 7th Ave. (#13), Anchorage, AK 99513-7599. Phone (907) 271-5555. Other BLM offices are in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright, Glennallen, Nome and Tok.

Arizona State Office: 3707 N. 7th St. (P.O. Box 16563), Phoenix AZ 85011. Phone (602) 640-5509. Other BLM offices are in Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Phoenix, Huachuca City, Safford, Yuma and St. George (UT).

California State Office: 2800 Cottage Way (E-2841), Sacramento, CA 95825-1889. Phone (916) 978-4746. Other BLM offices are in Alturas, Arcata, Bakersfield, Barstow, Bishop, Cedarville, El Centro, Folsom, Hollister, Needles, Palm Springs, Redding, Ridgecrest, Riverside, Susanville and Ukiah.

Colorado State Office: 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215. Phone (303) 239-3669. Other BLM offices are in Alamosa, Canon City, Craig, Denver, Dolores, Durango, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Gunnison, Kremming, Meeker and Montrose.

Eastern States Office: 350 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304. Phone (703) 461- 1369. Other BLM offices are in Jackson, MS; Rolla, MO and Milwaukee, WI.

Idaho State office : 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, ID 83706. Phone (208) 384-1771. Other BLM offices are in Boise, Burley, Coeur d' Alene, Cottonwood, Idaho Falls, Malad, Pocatello, Salmon and Shoshone.

Montana State Office: 222 N. 32nd St. (P.O. Box 368000, Billings, MT 59107. Phone (406) 255-2742. Other BLM offices are in Billings, Butte, Dillon, Ekalaka, Lewistown, Glasgow, Great Falls, Havre, Malta, Miles City, Missoula, Belle Fourche, SD and Dickinson, ND.

Nevada State Office: 850 Harvard Way (P.O. Box 12000), Reno, NV 89520. Phone (702) 785-6464. Other BLM offices are in Battle Mountain, Carson City, Caliente, Elko, Ely, Las Vegas, Sparks, Tonopah and Winnemucca.

New Mexico State Office: Joseph M. Montoya Federal Building, S. Federal Place (P.O. Box 1449), Santa Fe, NM 87504-1449. Phone (505) 988-6056. Other BLM offices are in Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Farmington, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Roswell, Socorro, Taos, Oklahoma City, OK and Tulsa, OK.

Oregon State Office: 1300 N.E. 44th Ave., (P.O. Box 2965), Portland, OR 97208. Phone (503) 280-7033. Other BLM offices are in Baker, Coos Bay, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford, Hines, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, Tillamook, Vale, Spokane, WA and Wentachee, WA.

Utah State Office: 324 State St., Salt Lake City, UT 84111-2303. Phone (801)539-4069. Other BLM offices are in Cedar City, Escalante, Fillmore, Grouse Creek, Hanksville, Kanab, Moab, Monticello, Price, Richfield, St. George, Salt Lake City, and Vernal.

Wyoming State Office: 2515 Warren Ave. (P.O. Box 1828), Cheyenne, WY 82003. Phone (307) 775-6011. Other BLM offices are in Buffalo, Casper, Cody, Kemmerer, Lander, Mills, Newcastle, Pinedale, Rawlins, Rock Springs and Worland.

BLM's Service Center is located at the Denver Federal Center, Building 50, (P.O. Box 25047), Denver CO 80225. Phone (303) 236-6452.

The Boise Interagency Fire Center is at 3905 Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705. Phone (208) 389-2457

BLM's Headquarters Office is at the Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets N. W., Washington D. C. 20240. Phone (202) 208-5261.